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Dear Staff:

This letter is in regards to FORCED MOLTING. When are we going to stop torturing our food animals in this country?

It is an inane practice of both cruelty, and contamination potentials.

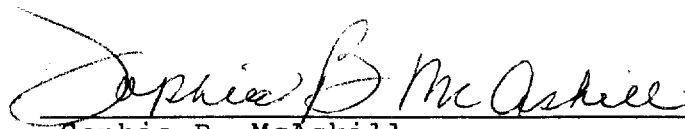
The animal welfare organizations in America are not being taken seriously by our government administrators. They have been fighting and pleading for many years to protect the welfare of our food animals with very little success. With regard to the welfare of our animals, our government's law-making body has been very remiss. There is no interest in protecting the animals who give up their lives for our food, from pain and suffering.

Hundreds of documents from animal welfare organizations come my way indicating the utter suffering that is endured by our animals in the farming industry. I have seen testimony of horrific handling of the animals. Why is it that our people in this industry cannot conceive of the fact that animals are living beings who suffer heavily at the hands of their human handlers?

This is a shameful way to bring food to our American tables. I am appalled at the brutalities committed in America's farming industry.

There is great change needed in the animal food production facilities. We are not supposed to be barbarians anymore, rather, intelligent and merciful human beings. This is not the case in the so-called Farming Industry. It is a dark and dismal arena for death. I feel so very sorry for the poor unfortunate animals whose destiny leads them to such enormous pain and agony before they are killed.

There has to be a better way! Suffering does not have to preclude the kill.

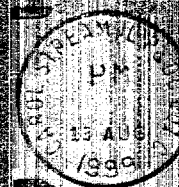

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